

OBSERVATIONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI BY THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION –Summer 1804



William Clark

May 15th & 16th, 1804

Near St Charles, Missouri

“at 9 oClock Set out and proceeded on 9 miles passed two Islands & incamped on the Starbd. Side at a Mr. Pipers Landing opposet an Island, the Boat run on Logs three times to day, owing her being too heavily loaded a Sturn, a fair after noon, I saw a number of Goslings to day on the Shore, the water excessively rapid, & Banks falling in.”

“pass a remarkable Coal Hill on the Larboard Side, Called by the French Carbonere, this hill appear to contain great quantity of Coal, from this hill the Village of St. Charles may be seen at 7 miles distance. we arrived at St. Charles at 12 oClock a number of spectators french & Indians flocked to the bank to See the party. This Village is about one mile in length, Situated on the North Side of the Missourie at the foot of a hill form which it takes its name Peetiete Coete or the Little hill This Village Contns, about 100 houses, the most of them small and indefferent and about 450 inhabitents Chiefly French, those people appear Pore, polite & harmonious.”

- Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

